

50-year anniversary of Kennedy assassination

By Ryan Minnigh
Sports Editor

In 46 years of life, John Fitzgerald Kennedy accomplished a lot. Friday, Nov. 22, marks the 50th anniversary of his assassination in Dallas.

Faculty, staff and students on our campus still vividly remember the day he was shot. And for those too young to have experienced the moment, this month's extensive media

coverage of the event will enlighten.

PSC Professor Ruth Schneider recalled it being the first major television news event.

"It was the first time that I remember a news event completely taking over everything on television," said Schneider. "Every channel was Kennedy and that stayed the same for many days following," she said.

Potomac State student Paul Burford recalled being in the nation's capital the day of the tragedy.

"We had a field trip to the Smithsonian museum and I did not find out about the event until about three in the afternoon," said Burford.

Burford also said his mother was the secretary of the school and was telling all the parents who picked their kids up that

afternoon of the tragedy.

Dr. Gerald R. Wilcox says this is one of the few moments in history where people remember exactly

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"Creating Camelot: The Kennedy Photography of Jacques Lowe" hangs in the Newseum as part of the nation's tribute to the late president.
Staff photo



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Fall semester schedule brings changes to finals week

By Luke McKenzie
Editor

A WVU academic calendar change means PSC students will take fall semester final exams in two different weeks.

Exams begin Thursday, Dec. 12 and continue on Friday. After the weekend, finals resume on Monday, Dec. 16, and conclude on Tuesday.

The Wednesday after finals is a makeup day in case the college is closed for inclement weather on an exam day.

Winter Recess officially begins on Friday, Dec. 20; however, students might consider that recess begins when finals conclude.

Grade reports are due from faculty on Friday at 5 p.m..

Residence halls close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Dead Week, a WVU and PSC tradition, was also affected by the calendar change. Dead Week is now Wednesday, Dec. 4 through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

No major tests should be scheduled during Dead Week, although evening classes conduct final exams during this time and practical lab tests, makeup exams, and short quizzes may be given.

Provost Leonard Colelli credits the split finals week to fall recess, Oct. 14-15.

Colelli believes the split finals week will be good for students. He said it will give them additional time between final exams to prepare.

Sophomore Ashlee Ketterman said, "I'm cool with it. It gives me a weekend to study for the final that I have the following week."

One non-traditional student, and mother of two college students, Nannette Redmon, says that she thinks it is very inconvenient for students who do not live near campus. She thinks some students will not want to stay on campus for the extra weekend instead of going home sooner.

Commuter student Sabrina VanMeter, a sophomore, says she hated the fall break for multiple reasons. The break messed up her lab schedule and she got stuck doing two labs in one day. She is also upset that Christmas break is shorter than last year.

Assistant Professor Steve Oberlechner called the Fall Recess "a legitimate opportunity to breath and catch up on work."

He was thankful for the few days off in the middle of a semester, likening it to the timing for Spring Recess, which often falls midsemester.

Assistant Professor Richard Petersen says, "It's nice

to have a couple of days off (for fall break)." He thinks the fall break was a good chance for some rest after grading midterms.

Petersen does, however, have a negative opinion on the split finals week. Petersen says that students get mad at professors because they have to stay for an extra weekend.

Associate Provost Harry Langley says professors are not permitted to change the date and time of finals.

Finals are scheduled in two-hour time blocks at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 4:30 p.m. each day.

Final exams begin on Thursday with all English 101, 102, and 90 classes at 8:30. Room assignments for these finals are mentioned in class and will be posted at the Service Office in the Administration Building.

Algebra and Concepts of Math are two other subjects with a common final exam time slot. All Math 126 and Math 121 classes, as well as all math foundations courses, have final exams on Thursday at 2 p.m. Professors will announce these locations.

All other classes have finals determined by the time of the class, not the subject.

The final exam schedule is posted on the college website under Academics.

CAT NEWS



Free jazz concert tomorrow

The Potomac State College-Community Jazz Ensemble will present a free concern tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Church-McKee Arts Center. The Ensemble is under the direction of Fred Kesner.

Holiday food drive on campus

The "Kick the can food drive" continues through Dec. 11 on campus. Faculty, staff, resident students and commuters are asked to bring non-perishable food items in support of a local nonprofit food bank in Keyser, Faith In Action. Faculty and commuters should bring donations to the Activities Office in the Student Union. Staff will use the Student Affairs Office. Dorm students collect at the Res. Ed. office. For more information, contact Mark McDonald, 788-7248.

Basketball season opens



The men's and women's teams play tomorrow night in Lough Gymnasium against CCBC Dundalk: 5 p.m. for the women and 7 p.m. for the men. Pictures are from the Fall Sports Festival, Oct. 28.



Potomac State holds sports festival

By Morgan Wright
Sports Editor

Potomac State College hosted its seventh Fall Sports Festival on Monday, Oct. 28. All students were invited to participate in the men's and women's basketball team fundraiser, along with raffles, giveaways, and games.

Head women's basketball coach Jim Walton said, "The event involves athletes in all seven sports being recognized." The event

included a fundraiser for men and women's basketball, which consisted of a 100-minute basketball game.

Many different prizes were given away throughout the evening including gift cards, Potomac State athletics shirts and one lucky student was able to win the grand prize of a flat screen TV.

"It was a fun time. I made a three-pointer to win a free

shirt like I was Ray Allen in game 6 of the NBA finals! I also won a McDonald's gift card," women's soccer player Allison Shaw said.

"The event helped expose sports to our non-athlete students," Walton said. I hope that the event gives those students the opportunity to see what sports are available, and it will encourage them to come support our teams during the season.



The college hosted a well attended Veterans Day Breakfast on Monday, Nov. 11. Pictured above are Pastor Jim McCune; Aaron Tasker; Charles Baker; Ronald Shroyer with Veterans Affairs; Rebecca Wilkins, VA Certifying Official with the college who also coordinated the breakfast; Campus Provost Leonard Colelli; Olivia Balderas; and Associate Campus Provost Harry Langley.

Health care majors at PSC may increase with local hospital sale

By Lisa Rodeheaver
Campus News Editor

WVU Hospitals has signed a letter of intent to purchase the local hospital and university involvement may bring increased academic opportunities for Potomac State College.

Potomac Valley Hospital in Keyser is a 25-bed facility with special units in internal medicine, same day surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, family practice, outpatient services and diabetic counseling. The hospital is located on Pin Oak Lane just off US Route 220 South of Keyser.

PSC Provost Leonard Colelli and Associate Provost Harry Langley were recently given a tour of Potomac Valley Hospital by its CEO Linda Shroyer. The two toured the departments and had a chance to sneak with staff

The healthcare industry is expanding and with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act there is a need for administrative and clerical professionals. Opportunities for nurses have also increased and have become more varied, Colelli said.

Colelli says PSC hopes to expand programs in the medical field and PVH would be a great place to provide clinical training and labs for students.

Regarding the intent to purchase, President and CEO of WVU Hospitals Bruce B. McClymonds said

in a recent press release: "It's our mission to improve the health of West Virginians and this purchase is a way to improve healthcare for Mineral County and the surrounding areas. WVU Hospitals looks forward to working with officials at Potomac State College."

WVU Hospitals is a member of the West Virginia United Healthcare System which includes WVU Children's Hospital, Ruby Memorial, Chestnut Ridge and the Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center in Morgantown and University Healthcare which includes



Berkeley Medical Center Center in the eastern part and Jefferson Memorial of the state.

Catamounts Against Cancer is having a Pampered Chef fundraiser
Nice holiday gifts for a great cause...

Contact Deanna Armentrout at dlarmentrout@mail.wvu.edu



Illustration by Bethani Chambers

Peer tutor in math and biology helps students learn

By Nannette Redmon
Campus News Editor

Derontae Mason, from Washington, D.C., is a peer tutor for math and biology in the Academic Success Center this semester.

When asked why he chose to tutor, Derontae said, "I secretly loved teaching and more so helping peers. It brings me to a certain fulfillment when someone comes to me because they believe I can solve a problem."

Derontae admits when

Success Center Coordinator Mollie Bennett ask him if he wanted to peer tutor he was a bit unsure. He questioned his ability to do this, then told himself that he would either know the answer, or if could not find the answer, he would be as effective as possible. He went back to Bennett and told her he would be a peer tutor.

Mentor/tutors give peers the advice and good habits they should practice. Derontae said, "They can



Peer tutor Derontae Mason works with Katie Quinnette in the library. Photo by Nannette Redmon

Kennedy memorial from Page 1

where they were at when they first heard the news.

"I was in eighth grade English class and I just remember it being so upsetting, and devastating to hear that the president had been assassinated," said Wilcox.

Wilcox also wondered how it would be different if Kennedy had not been assassinated and if the assassination never occurred.

Potomac State Accountant Helen Jenkins was working in Piedmont at a bank when she found out.

"My boss came back from lunch and told us all. The news was everywhere for days to come, it was on television and even made it on flyers around the town," said Jenkins.

Finally, student and co-editor of the Pasquino Ryan Beckman provided a different perspective of Kennedy and his legacy.

"Kennedy is the only major American figure who does not have some kind of major monument. He has a library, but I feel that someone of his significance should have a monument," said Beckman.

Even before his presidency though, Kennedy was just trying to be a successful person.

JFK was a highly accomplished student graduating from Harvard in 1940 and joining the United States Navy in 1943.

While Kennedy was in the Navy, he was almost killed in battle. Kennedy almost did not make it back to the

states from his service: He could have been just another statistic.

After his return though, Kennedy became involved with politics in the Democratic party.

1953 marked Kennedy's first year as a Congressman and 1961 marked his first year as president.

Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," in his inaugural address: And he met his own challenge.

He avoided nuclear war with Russia. He put America in space. He created the Peace Corps. Kennedy also endlessly fought for equal rights.

However, November 22, 1963 became a lasting and final image of John F. Kennedy.

As his motorcade cruised down Elm Street in Dallas, one bullet took the life of the 46-year-old president.

The news spread like a raging wildfire. Radio and television stations rushed to get the scoop. They rushed to get the news out.

Kennedy was on every news program, his alleged killer was assassinated on TV two days later, and finally Kennedy's funeral procession was broadcast on television.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a man who accomplished great things during his presidency. However, his life was cut short in Dallas, and his legacy has carried over 50 years to today.

continue to do well in the future and it is very true. We tutors care about our peers like a lioness and her cubs."

Barry Stevens, a math tutor at the Academic Suc-

cess Center, commented on Derontae's work. "Derontae is a very kind and patient person. He works diligently with his peers. The students have excelled with his help."

Hunters should make safety a priority

By Zach Minshall
Campus News Editor

Monday marks the opening day of rifle season for deer in West Virginia. As students head home for the holiday, many have only one thing on their minds.

Deer hunting can be a fun outdoor sport, but just like any other sport, there are safety regulations one must adhere to to avoid injury or even death. Following these regulations, not only ensures your safety, but the safety of fellow hunters as well.

Deer hunting involves a lot of eager men, women, and children in the woods with high-powered rifles. Unfortunately not every hunter is as safety conscious as he should be. Often the thrill of the chase clouds one's judgment, and safety takes a backseat and success becomes the hunter's primary concern.

Hunters should always treat every firearm as if it

were loaded, and always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A hunter should never aim at anything he does not intend to shoot.

Also, hunters should always be aware of their target and what is beyond it. Hunters should also attempt to hunt an area with no one else in close range of their quarry.

It is imperative that hunters always wear blaze or (hunter) orange when deer hunting. It is also the law, and has prevented uncountable injuries in the past.

Hunters should never push themselves. It is a danger to both the hunter and fellow outdoorsman if they are not alert while hunting. Deer hunting safety depends upon observation and ability. If a hunter is tired, hunting safety indicates that he/she should call it a day.

P.J. Combs, a PSC RBA student, will be hunting

Lady Cats 7-6

By Morgan Wright
Sports Editor

The women's soccer season came to a close in their Regional Tournament against Montgomery College, 0-2. The Lady Cats ended with 7 wins and 6 losses.

Sophomore Captain Erin Lewis said, "It was a tough season with only four returning players, but there is a lot of potential with all the returning freshman for next season."

Four Lady Cats won regional awards. Abby Lantz, Rebekah Messenger, and Katrina Ziebarth were named second team all regional, while freshman Kirsten Rayner was named first team.

Freshman goalkeeper Alana Nappi said, "Our team was rather successful. We have a lot of returning players and so next season we should be extremely successful. I am very excited for the off season which gives us time to work hard to improve for next season."

“Writing reveals who you really are...”

By Jen Battle
Feature Editor

As the new visiting English instructor at Potomac State, Matthew Adams is on a mission to help students gain confidence and an interest in the world.

He has worked in many different colleges, such as Point Park University, Penn State University, Frostburg State University, and WVU. In addition to English, he has also taught drama and English as a Second Language.

Adams chose to teach English because he wants to challenge students to rethink themselves. “I’ve always recognized a lot of meaning between writing/reading and personal

growth,” says Adams.

He says that he likes teaching college students because it is an important time intellectually and emotionally. He likes to challenge students through writing and other classroom processes.

In addition to English, Adams is also currently working toward a master’s degree in professional counseling. He wants to use writing as a therapeutic tool, and is interested in what writing reveals about psychology. “Writing reveals who you really are,” he says.

When he is not teaching, Adams writes and co-directs for a theater company. He helped produce “Wild Signs,” a histori-

cal play about vampires, as well as many fictional plays based in Pittsburgh history.

In his free time, Adams enjoys hunting, fishing, hanging out with musicians, running, and spending time with his family. He has been married for 21 years, and he and his wife have two daughters, ages 14 and 18.

Adams likes West Virginia for its mountains and distinct little towns. His favorite thing about PSC is that the people are nicer here than anywhere he’s ever taught, and the students are diverse.

He can be found here at the college teaching English or in his office, Room 208D, in Academy Hall.



Photo by Luke McKenzie

Math professor writes about fractals and human thought

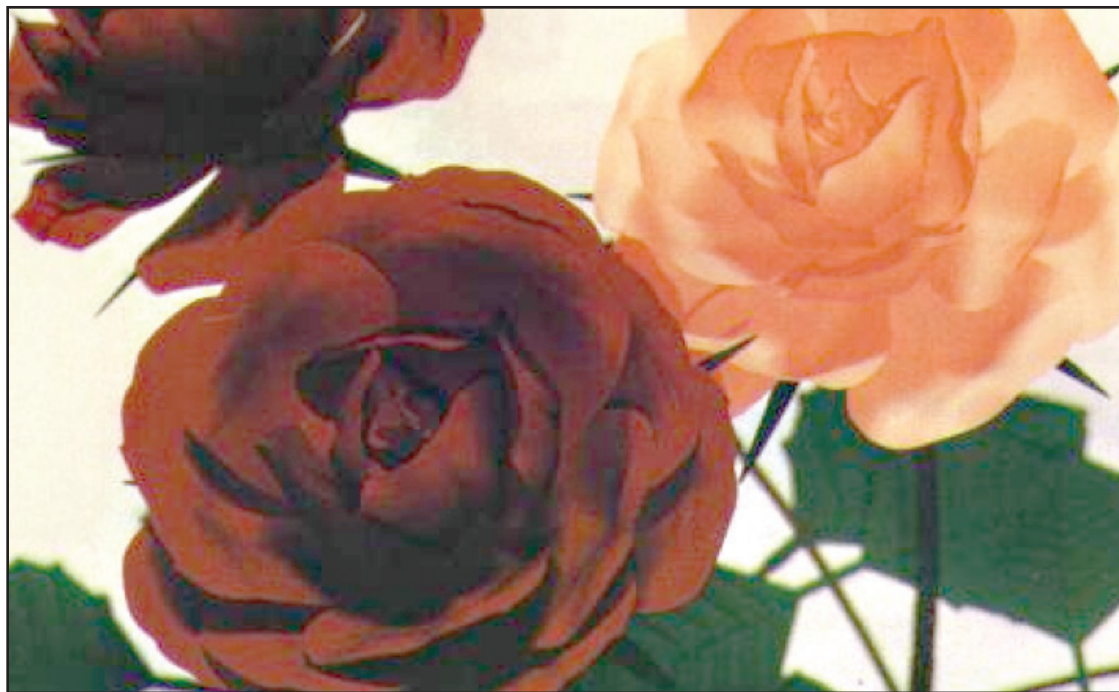
By Brad Heltzel
Sports Editor

There are millions of fractals around you right now, but what are they and what purpose do they serve? Potomac State Math Professor Dr. Gary Seldomridge has the answers as he has been studying fractals and their uses for years.

Through his studies Seldomridge proposes that fractals may offer a new explanation of reality and the thinking processes of the human brain. Seldomridge is not alone in his assertion as he says there are “a lot of theories” as to how fractals may “emulate” reality and our mental processing.

Seldomridge, who is in the midst of completing his own published textbook in topology entitled *Topology and Intuitive Approach*, recognizes that these theories are mere speculation, but says support of such theories is based primarily on the similarities in the firing patterns of the brain’s synapses and those of fractals.

He also says the capability of fractals to create and almost simulate reality provides a new vantage point to observe the patterns of reality and could lead to a new perspective as to how



Fractal images provided by Dr. Gary Seldomridge

reality works.

However, Seldomridge says that the present day’s most applicable use of fractals is in movie productions.

Seldomridge says that many of today’s movie backgrounds are created via fractals because of their ability to “generate nature.” He says that while the backgrounds look incredibly realistic, they are actually nothing more than a green screen combined with practical use of fractal iteration. Fractals are able to depict real images of nature so successfully be-

cause they can “intertwine” shapes and colors just like in nature.

The main reason, however, that fractals can successfully portray scenes of nature is due to the fact that fractals make up everything that exists in nature. For example leaves, trees, grass, and all non-manmade things that exist are composed of fractals.

This discovery allowed mathematicians to begin to explore the creation of nature by combining fractal iteration and math formulas. British mathematician, Michael Barnsley,

eventually created one of the more common and well-known fractal generations when he developed Barnsley’s Fractal Fern.

Barnsley combined fractal repetition with a fairly simple formula to create a portrayal of a fern leaf. Since Barnsley’s Fractal Fern, much more complex images have been created with advancements in computer programming and further study of fractals.

But what exactly is a fractal? A fractal is an infinite pattern that is self-similar across a multitude of different scales. In other

words, fractals are always curved shapes, but never straight lines, and always maintain their basic structure even as one zooms in or out on them.

Fractals actually only somewhat recently became a primary focus in the world of mathematics due to the uncertainty of their properties. As Seldomridge and fellow mathematicians continue to enhance their understanding of fractals and combine their discoveries with new computer technology, the array of possibilities fractals provide is extensive and may one day even answer some of our most complex questions about reality.



Men at home Thursday

By Ryan Beckman
Editor

The men's basketball team has had success early in the season with a record of 3-2.

The most recent victory came over Lord Fairfax Community College at home with a score of 122-33.

Results from the game at Howard Community College scheduled for last night were not available at press time.

Five players managed to break into double figures and every member of the team scored at least one point.

Reggie Baker was the leading scorer for the Catamounts with 18 pints and going 4-4 from the foul line with Chad Potter scoring 14 and Derylton Hill and George Obidiegwu each having 13 and Quincy Miller getting 10.

Coach Justin Ander-

son simply said about the game, "We applied good pressure."

The Catamounts were suffocating on defense, even leading 55-13 at half-time.

This win helps the Catamounts as they lost their last game Wednesday against College of Southern Maryland 91-87 with Marcus Banks scoring 21 and Derylton Hill adding 18.

The Catamounts have had ups and downs already this season when they opened the season with a loss against CCBC Catonsville 109-104, but rebounded with two straight wins at a Garrett Tournament against Garrett College and Erie Community College.

The Catamounts will try to build on this win as they play CCBC Dundalk at home at 7 p.m. Thursday.



Cat soccer wraps up stellar season

By Brad Heltzel
Sports Editor

The Potomac State men's soccer team, led by Coach Ray Kiddy, had a successful season and a deep playoff run before falling to Montgomery College of Maryland in the Region XX

Final by a score of 6-1.

Heading into their final matchup, Kiddy urged his team to be play physical and aggressive. However, the Catamounts' enhanced level of physicality ended up costing them dearly in their defeat. The Catamounts were assessed 2 yellow cards, 8 fouls, and a red card that forced them to play the final 55 minutes of the match a player down.

Montgomery was also awarded two penalty kicks as a result of the aggressiveness of the Catamounts.

The men's soccer team posted an overall record this season of 15-2-2 including the postseason. Both losses came at the hands of Montgomery College. The Cats, however, had one of the most successful seasons in school history and even achieved an NJCAA top 10 ranking at one point this season.

Kiddy said the Cats had a "great season" and was especially thankful to the four sophomore captains of Connor Eberly, Caleb Goodin, Brandon Cutter, and Chris Ranker, who

posted an overall record of 30-5-2 during their tenure with the team. Kiddy praised the four captains for helping to "put the PSC men's soccer team on the map."

Several players achieved special individual awards for the Catamounts this season.

Brandon Lee, freshman, led the team with 25 goals this season and was selected to the All-Region XX First Team and the Region XX All-Tournament Team.

Connor Eberly, sophomore, recorded nine shut-outs as goalkeeper and was selected to the All-Region XX Second Team and the Region XX All-Tournament Team.

Chris Ranker, sophomore, scored 12 goals and was selected to the All-Region XX Second Team.

Brandon Cutter, sophomore, was selected to the All-Region XX Second Team.

Caleb Goodin, sophomore, was selected to the Region XX All-Tournament Team.

Jared Fike, freshman was selected to the All-Region XX Second Team.



Lady Cats start season hot

By Brad Heltzel
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team will look to improve upon their fast start to the season tomorrow evening as they play host to CCBC Dundalk at 5.

Due to publishing deadlines the results of the Lady Catamounts game last night versus Howard Community College were not available.

In their latest victory, the Cats defeated Patrick Henry by a score of 87-73. In the victory, Chelsea Keyser knocked down five three-pointers en route to

a team leading 18 points. Heather Lesniowski scored 17 points and dished out seven assists for the Lady Cats, while Kirsten Raynor nearly recorded a double-double scoring nine points and grabbing a team-high 10 rebounds. Jenna McAtee collected 12 points and nine rebounds for the Catamounts.

Coach Jim Walton praised the Lady Cats for their aggressive rebounding in what he described as a "big win."

The 87 point effort was the second highest output of the season just behind

the 94 they dropped in a previous 94-49 drubbing against Penn State Dubois, in which Kiki Dudley led the team with 16 points and eight steals.

The Lady Catamounts also have victories this season over Erie Community College and the College of Southern. Against Erie CC, Raynor and McAtee each scored 16 points, while Lindsie Linaburg pulled down 16 rebounds. In their victory over the College of Southern, Leah Hershberger scored 20 points while hitting three three-pointers.

HOME BASKETBALL
THURSDAY
Cheer on the Lady Cats at 5
and the
Catamounts at 7

JFK legacy is vital today

Like a treasured novel, the life and times of John F. Kennedy will forever be a fascinating facet of American history. He captured the hearts and minds of a nation in transition from the Eisenhower 1950s to the nation we have become.

We remember him as the 50th anniversary of his assassination in Dallas, Texas, will be marked on Friday, Nov. 22.

We appreciate Kennedy's early moves in the civil rights struggle of the early 1960s.

Segregationist governor George Wallace of Alabama was using the National Guard to prevent black students from entering the University of Alabama. Kennedy sent General Henry Graham to protect students as they entered the university. Wallace compared the president's actions to that of a military dictator, but shortly after midafternoon, black students peacefully enrolled.



At the same time, Freedom Riders were using nonviolent protest to integrate transportation in the South. After a Greyhound bus was firebombed in Anniston, Alabama, Kennedy involved the Justice Department to protect these peaceful protesters.

We appreciate that Kennedy stood up to the aggressive communist threat from the USSR. In June of 1963, JFK went to Berlin to spread a message of hope. He spoke that day to crowds of people gathered in Berlin. He told them, "Ich Bin Ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner). JFK assured them that America and the world had not forgotten them and would protect them from the surrounding Communist threat.

We also honor President Kennedy's commitment to world peace. He was the first U.S. president to sign a nuclear armistice with all the nations who had the technology to build an atom bomb. This armistice banned nuclear weapons testing in the air, under the sea, and in space.

He also set up a direct hotline to Russia, which was an important step toward averting a nuclear war.

Whether you are old enough to remember the day Kennedy was assassinated or have learned about him in an American history class, John F. Kennedy continues to be a treasured and strong presence in our world today.

Travis Ferrell and Marquest Brice

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Our Opinions

Sports can help the pain

April 15, 2013. Our nation stopped. Another tragedy rocked our nation, this time during the Boston Marathon.

What could possibly make this better? Was there anything the people of Boston could find strength in?

How about a baseball team? Could Red Sox legend David Ortiz help the city by standing up in front of a distraught crowd in Fenway Park and saying "this is our fuckin' city?"

The answer to those questions is: yes. At the end of October, Boston completed its run through the playoffs with a World Series Crown.

Although the tragedy could not be taken back, some relief was found when the Red Sox clinched their first World Series in Boston since the days of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, some 95 years ago.

Boston found some relief.

However, this is not the only example of sports giving distraught cities a little relief after tragedy.

After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the New York Mets won their first game back in New York on the back of Met legend Mike Piazza's late-inning home run.

The Yankees got in on the act too, making a run to the World Series. In games 4 and 5 of the series, the Yankees delivered two walk-off winners in the Big Apple from the bats of Derek Jeter and Alfonso Soriano; giving New York some much needed relief.

How about when Hurricane Katrina ripped through New Orleans in 2005? The city was left with nothing and the New Orleans Saints moved their 2005 home games to Oklahoma.

In 2006, the team returned home for the first time for an emotional Monday Night game versus division rival Atlanta.

Led by a high-powered offense and the heroic punt block of Steve Gleason, the Saints rallied to defeat the Falcons 23-3 at home.

Even when tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma over the summer of 2013, sports were there.

Oklahoma City Thunder star Kevin Durant donated \$1 million to relief efforts. He did not stop there, he challenged sponsor Nike to donate. Another \$1 million in merchandise headed toward Oklahoma.

The Thunder also responded with an inspired run to the Western Conference Finals before falling to the veteran Spurs.

Following the Thunder's run, the Oklahoma Women's Softball team won the 2013 Softball National Championship in Oklahoma City.

Now let's rewind to the nights right after the Boston Bombings.

Moments of silence could be found all everywhere.

Remember the spine chilling national anthem that Bruins fans delivered two days after the events? How about the Yankees, Boston's biggest rival, playing Sweet Caroline in their stadium?

No matter the circumstance, no matter the rivalry we are all one nation.

Ryan Minnigh

Wrongful Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving has become too commercialized.

Thanksgiving has become more about holiday shopping than about giving thanks.

Black Friday has found its way onto Thanksgiving Thursday. We are supposed to be thankful for what we have and people end up spending this day shopping instead of spending it with family.

Major companies are opening for business this year at 5 and 6 p.m. on Thursday. This is just unacceptable. What happened to the sacred nature of this holiday? There's plenty of time after Thanksgiving to shop for Christmas. Spend Thanksgiving Thursday being thankful.

Ryan Beckman

New activities director brings exciting activities to campus

By Charis Martin
Staff Writer

Activities Director Antonio Rascon is keeping people on campus busy with many new intramural sports such as basketball tournaments, flag-football, volleyball, pingpong, pool, and soccer. He encourages anyone to come out and try these sports for fun.

Antonio began working at Potomac State in 2004. He left a couple years ago and recently came back in October to help manage intramural sports and activities. "I enjoy the people here, my co-workers, everyone. I feel appreciated working here."

He loves bringing a crowd in whether it's to play or watch. "More and more people are coming out to play and be a part of it. It's exciting." He doesn't have try-outs or practices. It's literally just for fun, and that's what people like the most about it.

Antonio also organizes trips and outdoor activities for students. He offers shopping trips and going to the movies. He will soon be offering sports events trips, amusement park trips, and WVU student union events. "My job is to make sure things are organized and running smoothly." He is working hard to keep the students involved in the community.

He recalls his favorite thing about managing the intramural sports and activities as making good friends and having an impact on the students. "I love to see them out there having fun." He is also excited to start the spring sports such as basketball, softball, Frisbee, soccer, pingpong, pool, and badminton. "When we get new turf on the soccer field, we will be out there a lot more."

He will be offering many new outdoor activities in the spring. There will be camping trips, caving, kayaking, snow tubing, white water rafting, and the WVU rec center. Potomac State has never offered these events so they are sure to draw a lot of people thanks to Antonio.



"I plan on continuing to teach intramural sports at the school and improving activities in the future. When the soccer field has lights put in, we will be playing many more night games out on the new turf." Antonio is very involved with Potomac State, allowing the students to thrive in things that they love to do while getting them more involved in what the campus has to offer.

By Nick Burton
Campus News Editor

What's next for Apple? The most valuable company in history according to *Forbes Magazine* will be tested again next year on whether or not they will provide the big next generation item.

Apple recently unveiled what is supposed to be the best tablet on the market, the iPad Air. Powered by the new A7 processor, a 20 percent decrease in thickness and weighing a mere single pound, the iPad Air hopes to dominate the tablet world.

Although there are talks of an "iWatch" and an Apple television set in the works, the focus of most consumers is on the iPhone 6, for which Apple has yet to release any information. Coming out as

early as next summer, the iPhone 6 may be the most anticipated handset of the next year. Apple may follow in the steps of the HTC One and Samsung Galaxy S4 and maximize screen size as well as changing from a flat screen to a new curved screen technology.

Journalism Major Luke McKenzie surrounds himself with Apple products. McKenzie owns an iPhone 5s, MacBook Air, iPad Mini, Apple TV and an iPod touch. "Everything [Apple] makes is absolutely beautiful," McKenzie said. "They last forever and they stand behind their products."

Ryan Beckman, sophomore journalism major, became interested in Apple through his fascination in Steve Jobs and how he became the technological genius behind the com-

pany Apple. Beckman also loves the product because he understands the impact Apple has made on the journalism profession. These products make most publications possible because of their simplicity and cutting edge technology.

Geoff Chenger, Information Technology Coordinator at PSC, is an Apple guy. Despite not having an iPhone (wasn't available at time of upgrade), he does have a MacBook Pro, iPad, and an iPod with music he "couldn't live without."

Chenger, who's been doing IT work since the early '90s, sees Apple's future in a race to create the next big thing, the use of "4K" or Ultra HD technology, and expanding their market to businesses rather than just consumers.

Don't laugh when your friends get "so drunk" They could be dying

Know the signs, symptoms, and seriousness of alcohol poisoning.

- Staggering, slurred speech, and a bobbing head aren't just things to laugh at your friends about.
- Person is unconscious or semi-conscious and can't be woken.
- Person has cold, clammy, unusually pale or bluish skin.
- Person is breathing slowly (less than 8x per min) or breathing irregularly (10 seconds or more between breaths).
- Person is vomiting while in and out of consciousness.
- If you cannot wake the person up at all, it is a serious situation-call 911

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Be informed, take control

Thanksgiving

What are your Thanksgiving traditions?



Elizabeth Proudfoot

Every Thanksgiving my family has what we call a "Cemetery Trust Meeting." I have an old family so we talk about the past expenses of funerals and the upcoming costs of the next funerals. It's pretty bizarre.



Jill Schaumloeffel

We have sauerkraut because that's the German influence from my husband's side of the family. We have two dressings, one with oysters and one without. Everyone comes dressed in scarlet and gray for Ohio State and blue and gold for the University of Michigan, because we have alumni from both.

Antoinette Jones
I will be returning to my mother's house and will enjoy the holiday with my extended family. I enjoy catching up with all the members of my huge family.



Casey Herman

Usually all my cousins and aunts come in and we go to Pennsylvania for dinner. If we don't go there, we stay in West Virginia and have turkey and ham.

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Jill Gardner

I will be baking dozens and dozens of cookies at Thanksgiving, something I do every year. I bake for the Stone House (historic house on Route 50) open house, for my family and friends, for my church, and for the cookie exchange at the college.

Kathy Weber

My mother used to host our Thanksgiving dinner and now I have everyone over to our home. I cook and everyone brings dishes, like a pot luck dinner.



Jeremy Leedom

I'm pretty standard on Thanksgiving because I mostly just hunt and eat a family dinner. However, for some reason my family has watched Elf every year since it came out.



Sara Parks

My family goes to Lancaster, Pa., to the *Bird in Hand Inn* to meet with my relatives from New York because they live far away and Pennsylvania is in between the two locations.